

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting

Plain Township Board of Trustee Meeting

The Plain Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at 7:15 a.m. at the Fire Station, 9500 Johnstown Road, New Albany, OH 43054.

Mr. Ferguson called the meeting to order. Mr. Ferguson led the Trustees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Members Present: Dave Ferguson, Kerri Mollard and Jill Beckett-Hill. Others present: Fiscal Officer Bud Zappitelli, Administrator Ben Collins, Chief Connor, Battalion Chief Ecleberry, Firefighter Madison Farrell, Maintenance Supervisor Bobby Pharris, Courtney Rogers.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Mollard would like to discuss the Healthy New Albany article during New Business.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$380,368.69.

Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 23011801)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Mollard made a motion to approve the January 4, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 23011802)

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collins reported that Whitewater recommends replacing all the concrete and steel pans/panels on the pool slide tower. Mr. Ferguson expressed concern with the \$80,000 cost. Mr. Collins explained the repairs are labor intensive and require a scaffold. Mr. Collins also stated that it would cost \$250,000 to replace the entire structure. Mr. Collins recommends commencing with repairs after the 2023 pool season to prevent any delays with the opening date of the pool. This repair could extend the life of the pool another 20+ years. The slide tower is structurally sound.

Mr. Collins provided an update on the State Route 605 and Walnut Street intersection improvement project. The 2025 project will go before the Ohio Public Works Commission for grant funding in September. Plain Township will need to ascertain its contribution which will most likely be at least 1% of the total cost, approximately \$60,000. Mr. Collins stated there may be some in-kind contributions from the city.

A Community Open House is scheduled for February 1, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. to celebrate Chief Connor's promotion. The Franklin County Township Association meeting is also coming up.

Mr. Collins reported on the replacement of the Fire Station driveways and parking lot which will be done in phases. Phase 1 will be the front concrete apron, Phase 2 will be the back apron, and Phase 3 will be the parking lot. Bids will go out in the spring and the expected completion date will be end of summer.

ZONING

Mr. Collins reported that the neighboring owners to the owner of Plain Township Parcel Number 220-001297-00 located on Babbitt Road have requested the Township's help in removing the junk vehicle on the property.

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 230118Z1.

WHEREAS reasonable attempts have been made to contact Cathi Jago, who has been verbally notified and whose last known address is 11317 Dozer Road SW Stoutsville, OH 43154, who is the record owner of Plain Township Parcel Number 220-001297-00 located on Babbitt Road, regarding an inoperable junk vehicle; and

WHEREAS the vehicle located on Plain Township Parcel Number 220-001297-00 is three model yearsold or older, apparently inoperable and extensively damaged, which constitutes a junk vehicle under Ohio Revised Code 505.173; and

WHEREAS the vehicle located on Plain Township Parcel Number 220-001297-00 is not properlyenclosed within an accessory structure or otherwise screened from view according to the Plain Township Zoning Resolution;

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Plain Township Board of Trustees hereby orders Cathi Jago to remove or cause the removal of the junk vehicle located on Plain Township Parcel Number 220-001297-00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if said junk vehicle is not removed or caused to be removed within fourteen (14) days, the Plain Township Board of Trustees shall remove or cause the removal of the junk vehicle;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any expenses incurred by the Plain Township Board of Trustees in providing for the removal of the junk vehicle shall be paid out of the township general fund from moneys not otherwise appropriated;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Plain Township Board of Trustees requests the Plain Township Fiscal Officer to certify any expenses incurred in removing the junk vehicle and

make a written report to the county auditor identifying the premises and all expenses incurred in providing for the removal of the junk vehicle. Any expenses incurred shall be entered upon the tax duplicate and become a lien upon the land from the date of entry.

Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 230118Z2. Be it resolved, that the Plain Township Board of Trustees hereby appoints Sara Rastegar, a resident of the unincorporated territory of Plain Township, to serve as a regular member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term ending on December 31, 2027. Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 230118Z3. Be it resolved, that the Plain Township Board of Trustees hereby appoints Richard Martin, a resident of the unincorporated territory of Plain Township, to serve as an alternate on the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term ending on December 31, 2023. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

ROAD/MAINTENANCE

Mr. Pharris reported that the maintenance break room has been dry-walled and it may be completed in a few weeks if no other projects arise.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Connor reported that there were 39 Fire and 75 EMS runs since the last Board meeting.

Chief Connor reported that Part-time Firefighter Madison Farrell is being promoted to a full-time firefighter. Lieutenant Powell will transition to a new EMS Coordinator position at Lieutenant's pay. Chief Connor and Mr. Collins are working on a job description and expect to have one ready for approval at the February 1, 2023 Board meeting. This position will interface with the local nursing homes.

E/R 121 is back in service. Chief Connor thanked Genoa Township for loaning their E/R to Plain Township for over a month.

The Assistant Chief job opening will be posted until the end of January. Mr. Collins has received 5 external applications to date and expects additional ones.

Chief Connor reported that the power cots have been received and training will take place this week. The fire department is still waiting on the heart monitors.

Chief Connor is working on reducing overtime in 2023.

Chief Connor updated the Board on the promotional process. All candidates have passed Phase I and have moved on to Phase II. Phase II, assessment testing, is taking place at the Discover building this week.

The strategic plan meetings were discussed. Fitch and Associates will lead both sessions and the objective is to define outcomes and the community's expectations.

Mr. Ferguson made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 230118F1. Be it resolved to offer conditional employment to Madison Farrell as a full-time Firefighter Paramedic at pay step 1 pending results of a background check.

Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 230118F2. Be it resolved to pay Byer's Chevrolet \$48,797 each for two new 2023 Chevy Tahoes - for a total of \$97,594 - out of fund 4910-000-00000 (Capital Equipment-Fire - Fire Equipment). The new vehicles are being offered as fleet vehicles at terms that are as good or better than the same model 2023 Chevy Tahoe on State Bid Contract number RSI010764.

**Byers Chevrolet
PO Box 16513
Columbus, Ohio 43216-6513**

Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Ferguson inquired about the rotation of vehicles. Battalion Chief Ecleberry reported that the two new Tahoe's will go to the Chief and Assistant Chief. The F350 that the department has will be sold and a Maintenance truck will be used to pull the safety trailer when necessary. The current Fire Chief vehicle, which has approximately 50,000 miles, will go to the EMS Coordinator who is also a first responder. The Assistant Chief's 2013 Tahoe with 100,000 miles will replace the F350 and be used for traveling to training classes.

FISCAL OFFICE

The December 2022 Bank Reconciliation and Month End reports were presented.

Mr. Ferguson asked about the Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and if we are limited in how we spend those funds. Mr. Collins advised the best way to utilize these funds is to apply them to operational expenses that were tied to a revenue decrease. He cited the pool slide tower as an example. The placement of the funds needs to be identified by the end of 2024 and the Township has to spend

the money by the end of 2026. Mr. Collins will follow up with the Board members with firm deadlines.


NEW BUSINESS


Ms. Mollard requested feedback on the Healthy New Albany article. Ms. Beckett-Hill approved it and Mr. Ferguson gave his consent. Ms. Mollard will submit it today.

ADJOURNMENT

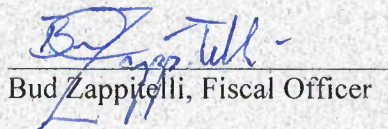
Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 a.m. Ms. Mollard seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:


David Ferguson, Trustee


Kerri Mollard, Trustee


Jill Beckett-Hill, Trustee


Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer